AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figures 1-4 have been descriptively labeled as requested by the Examiner.

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the Information Disclosure Statement. In Response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2005, Applicant has amended the drawings by adding descriptive labels to the system components. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 rejection set forth by the Examiner. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly define the invention. Specifically, the claims recite receiving electronic programming guide (EPG) selections entered via a separate device other than a primary remote. The presently claimed invention advantageously provides a system which may receive EPG selections from multiple devices and stores these selections. When requested, these selections are transmitted for display. Consequently, the system receives selections from multiple users and is able to display the selections upon request. This is simply different than present systems which allow a user to make a selection and in response, retrieve a program or preview associated with the selection for display.

Girard et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,751,282, is directed to an interactive TV system with a centrally located head end server that is coupled to remotely located set top boxes (STB) to store and transmit all EPG information, real-time video data streams, past programs, and previews of future programs based on user actions. Col. 2, lines 5-40. Girard et al. discloses displaying an EPG which allows program selection. Col. 3, lines 55-64. Specifically, a user may make an EPG selection and if the selected title is a current program, the head end server transmits real-time video data stream of the program for display. Col. 5, lines 57-65. If the selected title is a past program, the head-end server retrieves and transmits a stored vide stream of the program for display. Col. 5, lines 65-Col. 6, lines 3. Moreover, the head end server retrieves and transmits a

preview clip whenever a user selects a future program from the EPG. Col. 6, lines 3-7. Significantly, Girard discloses that the head end server even stores all the program information and as a viewer scrolls the EPG screen, the STB sends an SQL inquiry back to the head end server that supplies the program information used to fill in the panels and grid. Col. 6, lines 23-32. This is in stark contrast to the presently claimed invention which allows a user to make EPG selections using a separate device (other than a primary remote) such as, for example a PC or a PDA, stores the selections and transmits the selections for display when requested. Girard et al. simply allows a user to make an EPG selection and in response transmits the program associated with the selection for display. Girard et al. neither teaches nor suggests the presently claimed invention.

Russo, U.S. Patent No. 5,619,247, discloses a pay-per-play system utilizing preferably a set top box with storage means for storing program materials for later playback. Col. 3, lines 3-10. The recording of the program may be directed automatically by subscriber operated storage-management facilities, which scan program schedules and select materials to be recorded. Col. 3, lines 12-16. While recording may take place at any time, significantly, the billing occurs only when, and if, the subscriber chooses to select a program for replay or actually enjoys substantially the entire program. Col. 3, lines 6-11. While Russo discloses a STB with storage capabilities, it simply does not teach or suggest the ability to receive EPG selections from a device separate from a primary remote, store the EPG selections, and transmit the EPG selections for display when requested.

Similarly, Huang et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,437,836, teaches about an extended functionality remote control (EFRC) which is a hardware/software implementation of an integrated interface for remote control emulation on a personal digital assistant (PDA) or other

portable computing device. Col. 3, lines 56-61. Even though, Huang et al. discloses the use of a PDA as an EPG selection device, it simply neither teaches nor suggests the storing the selection from such devices and transmitting them for display when requested.

Elliott, U.S. Patent No. 6,473,097, is directed to an IP intranet functionality in a Mobile Switching Center for supporting wireless data and multimedia services that is introduced between a multimedia device and the internet. Col. 4, lines 48-52. Elliott is an inapposite prior art because it is directed to a field of endeavor different from the presently claimed invention. Elliott neither teaches nor suggests using a web enabled phone to make EPG selections.

Finally, Terakado et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,246,441, is directed to a system which includes a TV receiver that extracts EPG info from the received radio waves and transmits the same to a remote controller. Col. 4, lines 33-41. Terakado et al. discloses that EPG information may be displayed on the remote device. Col. 9, lines 47-53. Nonetheless, Terakado simply does not teach the ability of a system to receive EPG selections from a separate device, where the selections are stored then transmitted to any other device upon request.

The references of record fail to teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections.

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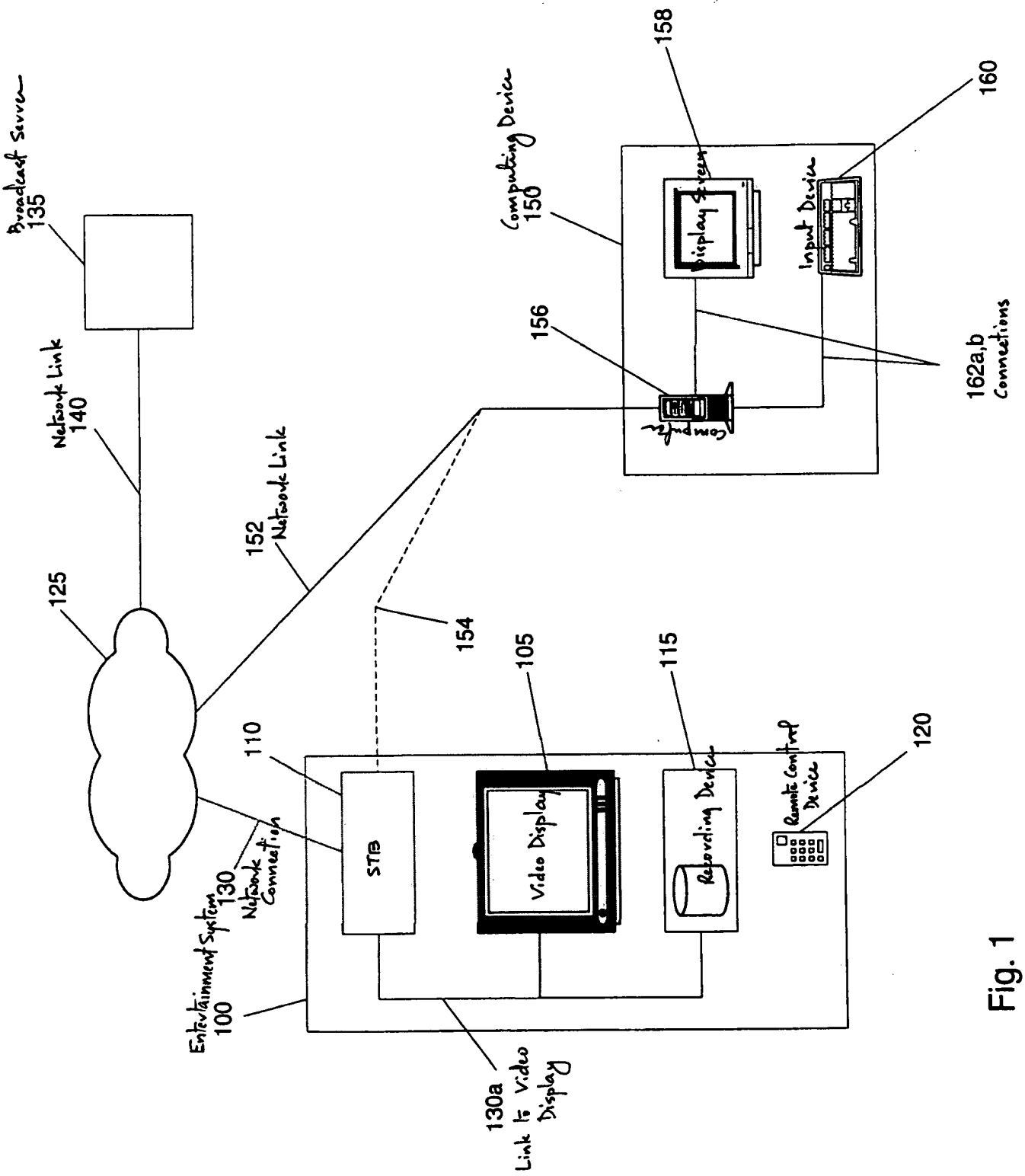
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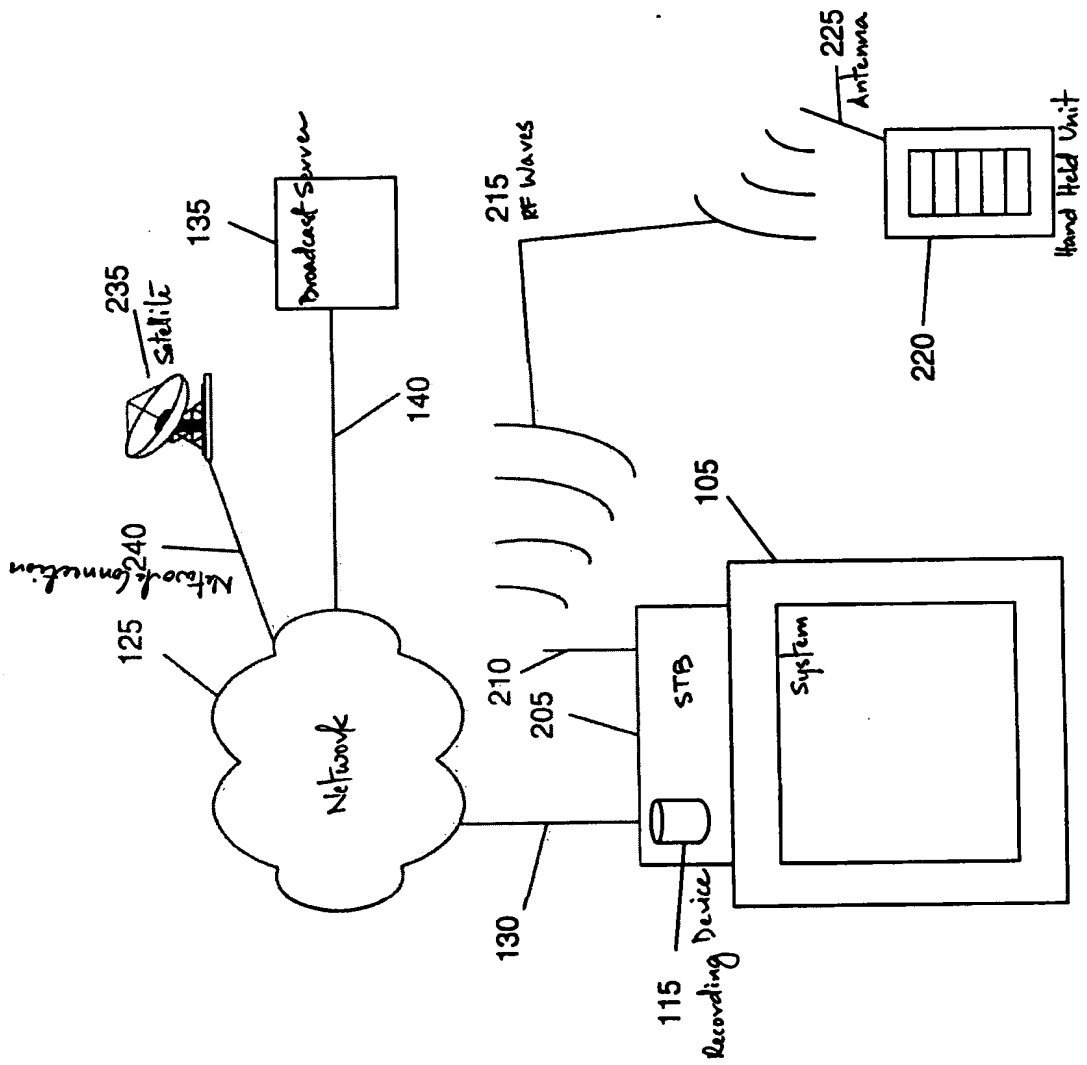
Fig. 1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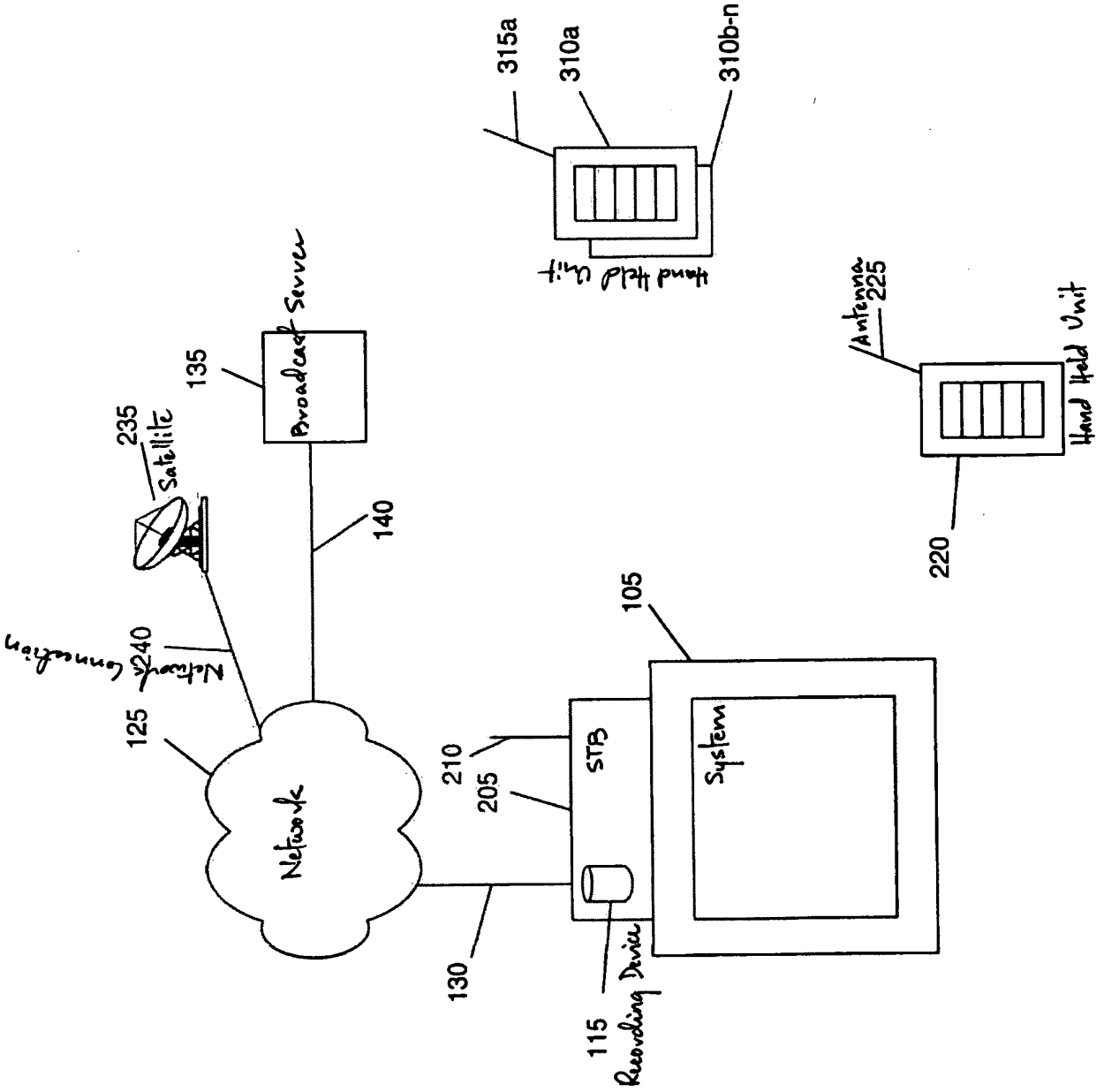
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Fig. 3

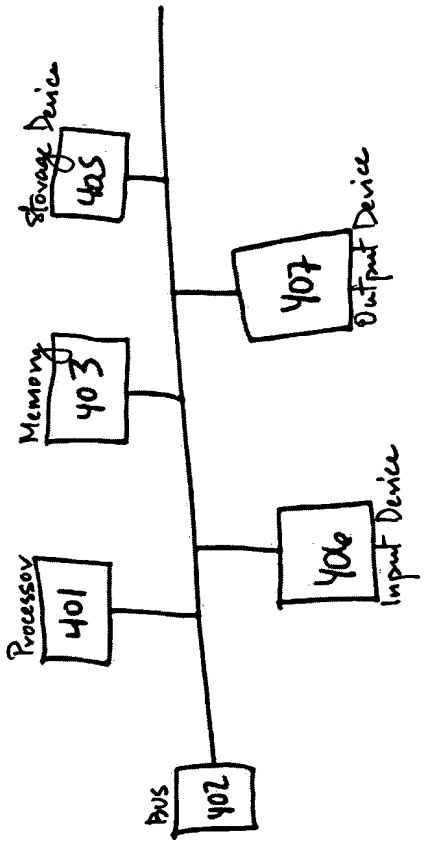
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Figure 4